



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

November 2022

PROGRAM	JULY 2022	AUGUST 2022	SEPTEMBER 2022	OCTOBER 2022
Medi-Cal/PHC Enrollees	61,178	61,266	61,892	62,684
WIC Participants	3,316	3,349	3,355	3,413
CMSP Cases	3	3	3	3

Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- The EMS team is excited have had Jared Gunter join our department as a new EMS Program Coordinator, starting October 24th. Jared will be providing program support to our Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordination program as well as taking on several exciting EMS projects with local providers including our ambulance provider, fire departments, and emergency medical dispatchers.
- We continue to work with county leadership and community partners as we develop an upcoming RFP for the future of 911 ambulance services in the county. We worked with these partners to discuss the future of EMS in the county and to hear their input and feedback. We will continue to afford opportunities to our partners to provide their input into our system as we continue in the next steps of creating this RFP.
- Our EMS specialists continue to work to enforce EMS regulations in Yolo County and to ensure partner agencies are equipped to issue EMS continuing education credits that meet requirements of EMS agencies across California.

RDMHC and MHOAC

- Our RDMHC and MHOAC programs continue to coordinate the allocation of federally provided COVID-19 and MPOX therapeutics to healthcare partners in Yolo County and the Mutual Aid region. Our RDMHC program participated, with regional partners, in a wildfire table-top exercise hosted in Sacramento.

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

- We conducted interviews for EP Specialists and scheduled second round interviews to several candidates. We are currently preparing to participate in an upcoming Pediatric Surge Table-top exercise in early November, with our health care coalition. EP held our monthly Healthcare Preparedness Coalition conference call with Yolo healthcare partners where we conducted an introductory training for our partners in the use of a new disaster

resource requesting platform. This platform is the same that is used to coordinate disaster resource requests for medical health supplies at the region and the state. Using this platform in Yolo County will help streamline the processing of medical health resource requests in the future!

Mental Health Services Act

Yolo County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3 Year Community Planning

- The Yolo County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3 Year Community Planning Process (CPP) began on Tuesday October 25th with a Community Engagement Work Group Meeting. This meeting provided an overview of MHSA including the community planning process, general standards, opportunities to provide feedback, and discussion on next steps and continued engagement. Please visit the MHSA website (www.yolocounty.org/mhsa) to view the presentation materials, under the MHSA Meetings ([here](#)), or to subscribe for e-notifications to get the latest MHSA updates, events & meeting information delivered to your inbox.

MHSA Trainings

- During the month of October, MHSA staff provided three Suicide Prevention QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) trainings and one Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training. **QPR:** The QPR mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training.
- **MHFA:** Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.
- Trainings are free, virtual, and open to provider staff and community partners and volunteers. To inquire on future training opportunities or to request a training please email: MHSA-MHTrainings@yolocounty.org

MHSA Community Outreach

- MHSA participated on the planning committee and tabled at the Día De Los Muertos event hosted by CommuniCare on Friday October 28th providing community support, outreach, and connection to county resources.

Health Equity and Healthy Communities

The Yolo County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

- CHIP workgroup had its first meeting on 10/18/22 in-person at the CommuniCare Health Clinic. This meeting marks the beginning of a multi-month process to identify 1-3 priority areas for the plan that will have an impact on health outcomes for Yolo County's most vulnerable and highest need populations. Over 35 residents, community partners, health care partners and County program staff attended the meeting and made a commitment to the ongoing work of developing the plan together. The next meeting will be held virtually in Mid-November. For more information you can visit

www.healthyyolo.org or contact Samar Lichtenstein, program coordinator, at Samar.Lichtenstein@yolocounty.org

The Yolo County Oral Health program

- The Yolo County Oral Health program has partnered with the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) to recruit local dentist to help with screening students in elementary schools across Yolo County. This effort will help expand the reach of the current school screening program, which currently reaches students in all 5 school districts, but not all schools in each district. The aim of the Oral Health program's screening efforts is to screen every Kindergarten and 3rd grader in Yolo County, in addition to students in other grades, and to provide oral health education to students in schools. The oral health program also attended two outreach events in October: the Woodland Community College Health Fair, and the Dia De Los Ninos event at CommuniCare's Hansen clinic to distribute oral health materials and educational information. For more information about the Oral Health Program, please contact David Linebarger at David.Linebarger@yolocounty.org.

The CalFresh Healthy Living Program (CFHL)

- CFHL is partnering with Yolo Farm to Fork to complete a healthy food environment assessment at three Yolo County Schools: Whitehead and Maxwell elementary schools in Woodland and Elkhorn elementary school in West Sacramento. These assessments will help the CFHL program team identify opportunity to work with Yolo Farm to Fork and the school food service and school leadership on improving access to and consumption of healthy foods on campus. For more information about the CalFresh Healthy Living Program, please contact David Linebarger at David.Linebarger@yolocounty.org.

The Community Advisory Program (CAP)

- CAP hosted a second CHIP workgroup training session for participants on 10/6/22. The CAP participants are residents who are a part of the CHIP workgroup and will have the option of receiving a stipend for their participation in the ongoing CHIP workgroup meetings, training sessions, and for their contributions to developing the CHIP. Currently six residents have participated in the two training sessions and the first CHIP workgroup. For more information about the CAP, please contact Samar Lichtenstein at Samar.Lichtenstein@yolocounty.org.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- The Yolo County WIC program continues the upward trend in certified participants. Most participants are being seen in person for certification appointments but with Federal Exemptions in place now until April 2023 we can continue to provide phone appointments when families are not able to make it to the clinic. It is not clear yet if we will be allowed to continue certification appointments by phone once those exemptions end. We will be able to continue to complete all other appointments such as classes and food package adjustments via phone or online which we know is of great convenience to our participants.

USDA Announces Key Initiatives

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced 4 key initiatives utilizing 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. USDA received \$390 million to be

spent over FFY 2021-2024. The 4 initiatives are modernizing technology and service delivery, improving the shopping experience, prioritizing outreach, and investing in and diversifying the workforce. The funds will also serve to expand access to the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. More information can be found at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/modernization-and-innovation> USDA shared that in 2021 6.2 million participants utilized the WIC program nationwide but that is only about 57% of those that are eligible to participate. The hope is that these initiatives will increase WIC's participation, improve the participant experience, increase redemption of benefits and reduce disparities in program delivery.

November is World Prematurity Month, and November 17 is World Prematurity Day.

- In honor of Prematurity Awareness Month, the Yolo County Breastfeeding Coalition will be hosting a Virtual Breast Milk Drive from November 1st to the 30th. We hope you and the community will support our efforts to help premature babies. The event aims to raise awareness about the need for human milk donations and the importance of human milk banks for sick or premature infants. In the United States, 1 of every 8 babies is born prematurely. Feeding preemies breast milk has become a standard of care; studies have proven that premature babies fed breast milk have several neurological and developmental advantages. While mother's milk is always the best and preferred feeding option for all infants, there are cases in which a mother struggles to produce enough milk. This is especially true for mothers of premature babies. These moms often have an insufficient volume of milk. Donor milk is the next best option. For more information about the donation process, please visit <https://mothersmilk.org/donate-milk/> or call 1-877-375-6645.

Fully Breastfeeding Rates 2022

	Three Months		Six Months		11 Months	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
Yolo County WIC	36.54%	37.11%	28.82%	29.02%	22.02%	23.61%
California WIC	21.22%	21.52%	18.16%	18.41%	16.25%	16.42%
Yolo County WIC Peer Counselor	33.3%	58.3%	0.0%	50.0%	-	50.0%
Healthy People 2030 Target	-		42.4%		-	

Source: WIC CDPH Local Agency Report

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)

MCAH staff attended a 3-day training opportunity provided by the CDPH/MCAH Division on October 18th, 19th, and 20th.

- MCAH State Training Day 1: Center for Family Health; Focus on reproductive health issues – Building a healthier CA; MIHA overview; MIHA Data: Reproductive Justice

- MCAH Action Business Day 2: Maternal Mental Health-Intersectionality Cultural Humility in Perinatal Mental Health; Perinatal Mental Health: Myths & Co-Occurrence; Perinatal Depression; Perinatal Mood Anxiety Disorders; Implicit Bias; COVID19 and Perinatal Mental Health; Barriers to care; EB interventions; Removing Barriers to Care; Queer and Trans Perinatal Mental Health toolkit
- MCAH Action Education Day 3: The Goodman Center: What Makes a Good Story (Kirsten Farrell and Andy Goodman); Growth Mindset Communications (Growing Joyous and Equitable Leadership) (Dr. Melissa Franklin, EdD)

Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP)

- There are five active Yolo County CPSP providers offering culturally competent services to pregnant women, from conception to postpartum. Currently there are 2 pending CPSP providers in the application process.
- Pregnancy and MPX fact sheet: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Monkeypox/PregnancyandMPXFactsheet.pdf>.

California data dashboard for [Pregnancy-Related Mortality \(ca.gov\)](#)

For more information regarding FIMR/SIDS and CPSP programs, please contact Tyra.Fulcher@yolocounty.org

MCAH - Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) and Adolescent Parenting Program (APP):

- NHV and APP continue to provide case management services to women, infant, children, and adolescent population.
- Referral and program eligibility questions, please contact Raquel.Aguilar@yolocounty.org.

Opened On	City of Residence	Referral Source	Program	Preg or part
10/18/2022	Woodland	Woodland Memorial Hospital	NHV	Parenting
10/20/2022	Esparto	First Steps Infant Program	NHV	Parenting
10/24/2022	Woodland	School Staff	APP	Pregnant
10/24/2022	Woodland	Help Me Grow	NHV	Parenting
Total			4	

Infectious Disease Control: COVID + Communicable Disease and Vaccine Distribution

- The COVID control and Communicable Disease teams continued to integrate in October. New recruitments to fill five Outreach Specialists and two Sr. Administrative Services Analysts opened in October. Integrated team efforts in October included: integrated flu/COVID booster clinics; preparing to train previous COVID case investigators to investigate non-COVID conditions; training Data/Epi staff to request provider notes for non-COVID conditions, handle DMV-reportable conditions, and run reports; and a presentation on the Don't Think, Know program at a Healthy Schools Collaborative call.

Community Health Report

- Thanks to lower case rates, declines in waste-water, and declines in hospitalizations, Yolo County's COVID Community Transmission level moved from Substantial to moderate, and Community Level remained at Low. COVID outbreaks in long-term care facilities declined markedly in October, with just eight active outbreaks by the end of the month.

The Communicable Disease team received 303 non-COVID disease reports in September. Of these staff followed up on:

- 11 Enteric disease reports
- 30 syphilis reports and investigated those indicative of potential new infections. A previously-reported congenital syphilis case was closed this month, after the pregnant mother and her partner were both successfully treated. The infant was born full term with a non-reactive titer at birth.
- 33 incidents of Hepatitis (A, B, or C)
- 12 new suspected MPX incidents of which 3 were confirmed as cases, identified and followed up with 11 MPX contacts
- 6 new TB-5 Suspect cases, two of which have been closed as not a case. The TB PHN is currently providing daily case management for 4 TB-3 active cases
- A potential rabies exposure at a childcare after a rabid bat was discovered in the outdoor play area. While the risk of exposure was low, the Yolo Health Officer encouraged families to seek rabies vaccination for their children.
- The CD team also began monitoring returned travelers from Uganda for Ebola virus disease symptoms, due to a new outbreak of Ebola virus in certain regions of Uganda.
- To date, over 28,000 COVID tests have been distributed to community members via Yolo County's vending machines. In October, 6,163 test kits were accessed via the vending machines.
- The Immunization/Vaccine team held Flu/COVID booster clinics in Esparto, at Northern Valley Indian Health in Woodland, and at Winters Joint Unified's District Office. The team continued to hold twice weekly vaccine clinics in Woodland and West Sacramento, and administered 850 COVID vaccines or booster doses at the clinics and through the DoorVax program. The team also coordinated redistributions of vaccine vials to healthcare partners, including Winters Healthcare, Live Well Med Center, Riverbend, West Sacramento Pediatric Medical Group, CommuniCare clinics, West Sacramento Urgent Care, and Elica clinics.

Administration

Community Health Mural Project

- Community Health Mural Workgroup met earlier in October. The survey findings were discussed amongst the group, and a Call for Art plan was created. The group also helped identify the location of the mural. The next phase of the process is putting out a Call for Art for local artists to provide samples of their work and an estimated cost for the mural.

Data/ Epidemiology

- Providing weekly COVID reports.
- Providing weekly updates on MPX vaccination rates.
- Updated COVID vaccination report showcasing bivalent booster coverage.

Community Health Report

- Established timeline for Domain 1 Reaccreditation of PHAB goal.
- Updated first draft of 2018-2021 mortality report.
- Further discussion on live births, prenatal care, hospitalizations, preterm birth, obesity, gestational diabetes mellitus and breastfeeding rates with the MCAH advisory board.
- Identifying possible substance related deaths in Yolo County.
- Submitted 1,992 missing COVID vaccine records for Winters Healthcare, completing that project.
- Submitted 99 CalREDIE and 175 CAIR account merges.
- Continuing the integration of the COVID and Branch Data and Epi teams, assisting with medical record requesting, administrative disease closure, all out of jurisdiction transfers, data entry for flu and COVID clinics.

UPCOMING HHSa MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
November 10	9:00 AM	Health Council
November 16	8:30 AM	MCAH Advisory Board
December 5	6:00 PM	Local Mental Health Board
January 12	9:00 AM	Health Council
January 18	8:30 AM	MCAH Advisory Board